



**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Toby Futrell, City Manager

FROM: Greg Canally, Budget Officer

DATE: May 3, 2007

SUBJECT: Code Amendments – Dedication of Parkland

Item # 32 on the May 3, 2007 Council Agenda is to approve a resolution requesting the Planning Commission to make and forward a recommendation concerning amendments to Title 25 of the City Code concerning the dedication of Parkland at its meeting on May 8, 2007, and directing the City Manager to timely bring to Council the recommendations of the Planning Commission, staff and other boards and commissions that have considered the changes such that those recommendations may be considered by Council at its earliest possible meeting thereafter.

This item requires initiating amendments to Title 25 of the City Code. The staff support for this effort includes experts in code amendments, park planning, permits, ordinances, development review, and legal. Together, we estimate that this effort will require 5 full-time equivalents – 1 attorney from the Law Department, 2 planners from the Watershed Protection and Development Review Department, and 2 park planners from the Parks and Recreation Department – working approximately 120 hours.

Though 5 full-time equivalents and 120 additional hours are required to complete this project, backfilling of resources is not expected. But, the impact of this project on routine processing of development review cases, code amendments, permits, legal analysis, additional drafting, and daily workload is that they may slowdown. Additionally, other significant project timelines may also be impacted, including: downtown planning, implementation of commercial design standards, planned unit development and planned development agreements.